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ASSISTANT COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER :
DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL.
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH :
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TEIGNMOUTH U.D.C. AND
PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY.

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KINGSTEIGNTON ROAD

NEWTON ABBOT.

TEIGNMOUTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT - 1960

Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I present herewith my Annual Report for the year 1960.

The Vital Statistics regarding the Birth and Death rates differ very little from the figures applicable to the Administrative County of Devon or England and Wales as a whole and therefore call for no comment.

The Table giving the age at death shows that one hundred and five of the one hundred and ninety three deaths recorded were aged 75 or more years. It also shows that only eight deaths occurred in persons aged less than 45 years. Of the eight, three were certified as being due to suicide and one as being due to accidental causes. If one subtracts these four deaths the fact remains that four deaths occurred from natural causes in persons aged less than 45 years.

No deaths were caused by Tuberculosis, Poliomyelitis, Diphtheria or any of the other Infectious Diseases. This is remarkable progress and provided that parents do not become complacent, there is no reason why these three diseases could not be eliminated within the course of the next decade or so.

Regarding the Port Health Authority, the Port continues to be very busy and in March, 1960 Mr. P. Langston, the Assistant Public Health Inspector and I attended a course of instruction at the Port of London in order that the Port of Teignmouth may become one of the designated ports at which Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates can be issued to ships as and when necessary. The Port was designated under the Ministry of Health for Derattisation on the 1st. May, 1960.

I append my Port Health report for the year 1960 which complies with the requirements of the Ministry of Health's Form Port 20.

I should like to thank, once again, the Chairman, Councillors and all members of the staff for the help and co-operation received.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,



Medical Officer of Health

December, 1961

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres)	2,350
Population Mid 1960	11,050
Population 1951 Census	10,597
Rateable Value as at the 1st. January, 1960	£163,106
Rateable Value as at the 31st. December, 1960	£167,453
Product of a 1d. rate as at the 1st. April, 1960	£ 659

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	67	49	116
Illegitimate	4	7	11
	<hr/> 71 <hr/>	<hr/> 56 <hr/>	<hr/> 127 <hr/>
Crude Live Birth rate per 1000 total population			11.40
Corrected Live Birth rate per 1000 total population			13.57
Crude Live Birth rate per 1000 total population Administrative County of Devon			13.70
Corrected Live Birth rate per 1000 total population Administrative County of Devon			15.48
Live Birth rate per 1000 total population England and Wales			17.1

Still Births

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Still Birth rate per 1000 total population			0.18
Still Birth rate per 1000 total live and still births			15.50
Still Birth rate per 1000 total live and still births Administrative County of Devon			19.04
Still Birth rate per 1000 total live and still births England and Wales			19.88

DEATHS

The average age at death, from all causes, was found to be 73.62 years. It is of interest to note that the average age of all male deaths, during 1960, was 70.04 and for female deaths 76.50 years.

	Male	Female	Total
	84	109	193
Crude Death rate per 1000 total population			17.47
Corrected Death rate per 1000 total population			9.61
Crude Death rate per 1000 total population Administrative County of Devon			14.67
Corrected Death rate per 1000 total population Administrative County of Devon			11.44

Death rate per 1000 total population England and Wales 11.5

Infant Mortality

(Death of Infants under One year)

No deaths occurred in infants under One year in Teignmouth during 1960.

Infant Mortality rate (Death of Infants under One year)
per 1000 related live births - England and Wales 21.9

Neo-Natal Mortality rate (Death of Infants under Four weeks)
per 1000 related live births - England and Wales 15.6

Peri-Natal Mortality rate (Death of Infants under One week)
per 1000 related live births - England and Wales 32.9

Maternal Mortality

No maternal deaths occurred in Teignmouth during 1960.
Five maternal deaths occurred within the Administrative County of Devon.


AGE AT DEATH

	Male	Female
Infants under One week	-	-
Infants under Four weeks	-	-
Infants under One year	-	-
1 - 4	-	-
5 - 14	-	-
15 - 24	2	-
25 - 44	3	3
45 - 64	19	15
65 - 74	27	19
75 and over	33	72
	<hr/> 84	<hr/> 109

Total: 193

CAUSES OF DEATH

	Male	Female
All causes	84	109
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	1
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	2	2
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	4
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	5	6
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	2
Diabetes	-	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	12	25
Coronary disease, angina	20	13
Hypertension with heart disease	6	1
	<hr/> 47	<hr/> 55
carried forward		



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CAUSES OF DEATH (continued)

	Male	Female
brought forward	47	55
Other heart disease	11	25
Other circulatory disease	3	4
Pneumonia	4	6
Bronchitis	2	2
Other diseases of respiratory system	2	1
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	-
Nephritis and nephrosis	-	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-
Congenital malformations	1	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	5	14
Accidents (other than motor vehicle)	2	1
Suicide	5	-
	<hr/> 84	<hr/> 109
Total: 193		

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

	Male	Female	Total
Scarlet Fever	3	1	4
Whooping Cough	2	2	4
Measles	3	2	5
Pneumonia	6	4	10
Ophthalmia neonatorum	1	-	1
	<hr/> 15	<hr/> 9	<hr/> 24
Total: 24			

TUBERCULOSIS

Two cases of pulmonary and one case of non-pulmonary tuberculosis were notified during 1960. Details are set out in the following table:-

			Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
			M	F	M	F
Under five years			-	-	-	-
5	-	14	-	-	-	1
15	-	24	-	-	-	-
25	-	44	1	-	-	-
45	-	64	1	-	-	-
65 and over			-	-	-	-
			<hr/> 2	<hr/> -	<hr/> -	<hr/> 1

Total: 3

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 and 1951

No official action, under Section 47 of the National Assistance Acts, 1948 and 1951, was necessary in Teignmouth during 1960.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT, 1960

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year ended 31st. December, 1960.

From the Public Health angle, the outstanding matter of report was the progress made with the Council's Slum Clearance Scheme. This Scheme was originally submitted to the Council in June 1955 and suggested the making of Seven Clearance Areas, containing 37 dwellings. In addition, action was proposed in regard to ten other individual houses. In the intervening years either Demolition, Closure or conversion action has been taken, dealing with ten of the premises and in May, 1960 commencement was made on the building of replacement flats for the Slum Clearance tenants. These flats are contained in five blocks, situated on vacant sites in Fourth Avenue and Fraser Drive.

Consequent upon the placing of the Contract for the construction of these dwellings, seven Clearance Orders were made by the Council and the owners of properties included in the Area were notified. Appeals were made to the Minister of Housing and Local Government against all the Orders by the Owners and a Public Inquiry was held by Mr. J. C. Bartlett, A.R.I.P.A. on the 30th. August, 1960. The Appeal in reference to one Area was withdrawn at the Inquiry, but otherwise all owners were legally represented. The Areas were inspected by the Ministry's Inspector and eventually the Minister confirmed all Orders, thus ensuring the demolition of the buildings after the rehousing of the tenants by the Council.

SEWERAGE

The arrangements for the collection and disposal of sewage are adequate. Almost all houses in the District (on both sides of the River Teign) are connected to the Council's sewers, as are all new Estates recently developed. The interconnecting sewers eventually discharge, on each side of the River, to pumping stations, by which the sewage is lifted, at the Teignmouth installation to storage tanks, and at Sheldon to a tank sewer which passes under the streets to a controlled outlet at the River mouth. The Teignmouth outlet is similarly controlled, the penstock being opened after high tide and closed before low tide, so as to take advantage of the enormous outflow of tidal water from the Estuary, which effectually carries all sewage direct to sea.

PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS

There are no public swimming baths in this District, but bacteriological samples were taken of River and Sea Water at various points used for bathing and at various stages of tide. In examining sea and river water it is essential to judge results upon a series of samples and in this regard the series taken in 1960 was satisfactory.

INSPECTIONS AND VISITS

During the year 3,579 inspections and visits were made to various premises for the stated purposes :-

Inspections in connection with General Public Health work - (This figure is inclusive of visits re Camping Sites, Public Conveniences, Schools, Shops, Infectious Disease, Verminous Premises, Piggeries, Licensed Premises, Miscellaneous Visits, etc:	431
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Inspections in connection with Factories and Premises where Petrol and Explosives are stored :	101
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Inspections and Visits re Drainage and the application of the Byelaws :	1167
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Inspections and Visits re Housing - i.e. Slum Clearance premises, Unfit Houses, Houses for repair and allocation of Council premises :	826
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Inspections of Food Premises, Restaurants and Cafes, Hotels and Boarding Houses :	459
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Visits re Refuse Collection and Disposal :	405
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Visits re Rats and Mice :	144
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Visits re Sampling of Water and Ice Cream :	46
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During the inspections re Drainage 556 Smoke and Water Tests were applied to various sections of drainage to prove soundness.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Refuse Collection and Disposal has continued normally during the year. A weekly collection is afforded to all premises and this is augmented by a second collection from Shops, Hotels, Boarding Houses, etc: during the Season. The collection of Trade Refuse from Shops at a charge of 6d per bin or equivalent package has been continued with satisfactory results in the removal of offensive matter from Food Premises, etc: and has produced the sum of £81.10.0d

Tipping is continuing at the Council's Tip at Broadmeadow.

RODENT CONTROL

In addition to the 144 visits paid in relation to rat and mice infestation by the Public Health Inspectors, 368 visits have also been made by the Rodent Operator.

FOOD CONDEMNATIONS AND THE APPLICATION OF THE FOOD
HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1955 and 1960

During the year the following food has been
condemned as unfit for human consumption :-

111 lbs.	Beef
26 lbs.	Pork
22 lbs.	Veal
205 lbs.	Sausages
70 lbs.	Fish
10 lbs.	Prawns
10 lbs.	Cheese
8 lbs.	Butter
28 lbs.	Sweets

also 1798 tins and packets of various foods weighing
approximately 2602 lbs. have been destroyed - a total
weight of 3092 lbs.

Routine inspections to ensure compliance with the
Food Hygiene Regulations have been made to Food Shops,
Preparation Premises, Hotels, Cafes, etc: Such
improvements of premises and methods as were required were
carried out voluntarily by the persons concerned and there
was no necessity to take any legal action throughout the
year.

There are no Slaughterhouses within the District.

HOUSING

No building of Council houses or flats took place
during the year and only 19 premises owned by the Council
became available for reallocation to new tenants. Hence
in view of new applications for housing, the List of
Applicants has not diminished.

As far as possible, with the premises available,
transfers are arranged between tenants so that the size of
the house concerned is in proportion to the size of the
family. Also if tenants find another tenant whereby
a transfer between them can ease the problem of either over-
crowding or underoccupation, the Housing Allocations
Committee endeavours to make a mutual exchange possible.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

W.S. Ingham

1st. December, 1961

Public Health Inspector

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1960 FOR THE URBAN DISTRICT OF TEIGNMOUTH IN THE COUNTY OF DEVON

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1937

PART 1 OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector)

	No: on Register	Inspec tions	Number of Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which S 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6 are to be enforced by L/A	31	27	15	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which S 7 is enforced by the L/A	86	74	18	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which S 7 is enforced by the L/A (excluding out- workers' premises)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTALS	117	101	33	Nil

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

	No: of cases in which def- ects were found	No: of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Found
Want of Cleanliness S 1	13	13
Overcrowding S 2	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature S 3	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation S 4	2	2
Ineffective drainage of floors S 6	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (a) Insufficient S 7	1	1
(b) Unsuitable or defective	7	7
(c) Not separate for Sexes	-	-
Other offences against the Act	10	10
TOTALS	33	33

No cases of outwork being carried out in unwholesome premises have been found and consequently Table 3 has not been included.

WATER SUPPLY

Water Engineer's report for the year ended 31st. December, 1960

This year had a very fine Spring and early Summer but a wet late Summer and the wettest Autumn since the inception of the Teignmouth Meteorological Station in 1906. As an example, a **recording** of 8.21 inches of rain was made between the 27th. September and the 2nd. October, intensities being $\frac{1}{2}$ " to $\frac{3}{4}$ " in 20 minutes. The storms were of intensities not to be expected more than once in 50 years and, in common with other parts of Devon, there was overflowing of the brooks, but fortunately not with the disastrous circumstances experienced elsewhere.


There was no problem in the supply of drinking water, although a short precautionary restriction (on the use of hose-pipes) was imposed for the month of July. The quality of the water was satisfactory, both bacteriologically and chemically.

Boosting was in progress from the 3rd. June to the 1st. October and the direct supply system in New Road was employed for a longer period.

The new trunk main from Teigngrace to Bishopsteignton was commenced on the 5th. September, 1960, but work was suspended on the former section which was inundated by adverse weather during the Autumn.

STATISTICS

Population supplied:	Winter	11,300
	Summer	25,000 - 30,000
Number of dwelling houses supplied direct		3,670
Total consumption		218,404,000 gallons
Maximum daily consumption		814,000 gallons.


Engineer and Surveyor

December, 1961

SECTION I - STAFF

TABLE A

Name of Officer	Nature of Appointment	Date of Appointment	Qualifications	Any other appointments
Dr. H.M. Davies	Port Medical Officer	10th. July, 1953	M.A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.	Medical Officer of Health:- Newton Abbot R.D.C. Dawlish U.D.C. Newton Abbot U.D.C. Teignmouth U.D.C. Assistant County Medical Officer - Devon County Council
N.S. Tucker	Port Health Inspector	5th. June 1923	C.R.S.I., (Meat & Other Foods Certificate)	Public Health Inspector & Housing Officer - Teignmouth U.D.C.
P. Langston	Port Health Inspector	1st. April, 1959	C.R.S.I., (Meat & Other Foods Certificate)	Public Health Inspector -Teignmouth U.D.C.
Address and telephone number of Medical Officer of health)		Council Offices, Kingsteignton Road, Newton Abbot 'phone Newton Abbot 57!		

SECTION II

AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR

TABLE B

SHIPS FROM	NUMBER	TONNAGE	NUMBER INSPECTED		NUMBER OF SHIPS REPORTED AS HAVING HAD, DURING THE VOYAGE, INFECTIOUS DISEASES ON BOARD
			BY THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH	BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR	
Foreign Ports	138	33,583	2	30	NIL
Coastwise	301	74,024	3	52	NIL
Total	439	107,607	5	82	NIL

SECTION III

CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR

TABLE C.

Passenger Traffic { Number of passengers INWARDS
 (Number of passengers OUTWARDS ...

This is not a port approved under the Aliens Order, 1920.

Cargo Traffic Principal IMPORTS : Coal, Timber, Cement, Bricks
 Tiles, Hardboard, Thatching Reed, Potatoes.
 Principal EXPORTS: Clay, Coke, Scrap Metal.

PORTS from which ships arrive: Amsterdam, Antwerp, Brest, Caen, Calais, Capella, Cherbourg, Concarneau, Dieppe, Dordrecht, Dovarnenez, Archangel, Dunkirk, Fecamp, Granville, Gruvon, Hamburg, Hamina, Honfleur, Kasko, Kemi, Kotka, LeGuildo, LeHavre, LeLegue, Lochudy, Morlaix, Nantes, Niel, Painboeuf, Paimpol, Pontrieux, Quimper, Roscoff, Rotterdam, Rouen, Rumpst, St. Brieve, St. Malo, Scheueningen, Treguir, Treport, Uddeualla, Zaandam.

COASTWISE:- Amble, Appledore, Ardrossan, Avonmouth, Barnstable, Barrow, Barrydock, Belfast, Blyth, Bridgwater, Boston, Bristol, Cardiff, Charlestown, Coleraine, Cork, Cowes, Dublin, Dundalk, Dungarvan, Exmouth, Falmouth, Felixstowe, Fowey, Galway, Garston, Glasgow, Goole, Grangemouth, Greenock, Gt. Yarmouth, Hull, Immingham, Kilkeel, Kinsale, Limerick, Liverpool, London, Londonderry, Manchester, Middlesbro, Milford Haven, Mostyn, Newhaven, Newport, New Ross, Newry, Palnackie, Par, Penzance, Plymouth, Poole, Portsmouth, Port Talbot, Preston, Rochester, Saleen, Sharpness, Shoreham, Silloth, Southampton, Swansea, Totnes, Truro, Waterford, Wexford, Whitehaven, Weymouth, Wicklow.

SECTION IV

INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC

Numbers and tonnage using the district and places served by the traffic - Nil.

SECTION V

WATER SUPPLY

1. Source of Supply for (a) the district, and (b) shipping
The main supply which serves the district is used for the shipping.

SECTION V - Water Supply (continued)

2. Reports of tests for contamination

Regular samples of water are taken from all the Council's sources of supply and submitted for bacteriological examination. The results received are satisfactory.

3. Precautions taken against contamination of hydrants and hosepipes.

The hydrants and hosepipes are regularly inspected by the Port Health Inspector. The hosepipes are stored under cover by the Teignmouth Quay Co. Ltd. and are well flushed out prior to use.

4. Number and sanitary condition of water boats.

There are no water boats operating at this port.

SECTION VI

PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS, 1952

1. List of Infected Areas.

The weekly record of Quarantinable Diseases issued by the Ministry of Health is forwarded, by post, to the Preventive Officer, Customs House, Teignmouth.

2. Radio Messages

(a) Arrangements for sending permission by radio for ships to enter the district

Arrangements have been made with the Post Office for sending wireless messages if required. None were sent during 1960.

(b) Arrangements for receiving messages by radio from ships and for acting thereon.

Arrangements have been made with the Post Office for receiving wireless messages if required. None were received during 1960.

3. Notifications otherwise than by radio

A twenty four hour watch is maintained by H.M. Coastguard Station at Brixham from which signals by morse or flag may be sent or received as and when necessary.

4. Mooring Stations

Where action is to be taken under Regulations 22 - 30 the ship will be made fast in the harbour at No. 1 Tier of Buoys off the New Quay.

SECTION VI - Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1952 (contd.)

5. Arrangements for:-

- (a) Hospital accommodation for infectious diseases (other than Smallpox - see Section VII)

Patients suffering from infectious disease will be transferred by ambulance either to the Isolation Hospital at Torquay (Tel. No. Torquay 63276 or to the Isolation Hospital at Exeter (Tel. No. Exeter 67158)

- (b) Surveillance and follow-up of contacts.

This will be carried out by the Port Medical Officer whilst the ship is within this port. Arrangements have also been made for letters to be given to the contacts in cases when the ship has to proceed to another port before the expiration of the period of surveillance. The contacts will be instructed to take these letters to the Port Medical Officer of the next port of call thus informing him of the circumstances.

- (c) Cleansing and disinfection of ships, persons, clothing and other articles

Disinfection of ships will, when necessary, be undertaken by the Port Health Inspector. Disinfection of clothing or bedding may be carried out at the steam disinfectant station of the Teignmouth Urban District Council. The cleansing of verminous persons will be carried out by staff of the Public Health Department at Torquay.

SECTION VII

SMALLPOX

1. The Isolation Hospital to which Smallpox cases will be sent from the district is the Smallpox Hospital, Upton Pyne, near Exeter (Tel. No. Stoke Canon 207)
2. Transport arrangements will be made by the Medical Superintendent of the Isolation Hospital, Exeter.
3. The following consultants are available as and when necessary:-
Dr. J. Macrae, Ham Green Isolation Hospital
BRISTOL. {

Dr. W.A. Lister, 10, The Crescent, Plymouth
4. Specimens for laboratory diagnosis will be sent to the:-
Virus Reference Laboratory,
Central Public Health Laboratory,
Colindale, LONDON. N.W. 9.

SECTION VIII

Venereal Disease

Facilities are available for the diagnosis and treatment of venereal disease among merchant seamen under international arrangements.

Torbay Hospital, Torquay 'Phone Torquay 63254

Mondays - 17.00 to 18.30 or by arrangement.

SECTION IX

Cases of notifiable and other infectious disease on ship.

No cases of notifiable and other infectious diseases were reported during the year.

SECTION X

Observations on the occurrence of malaria in ships

No cases of Malaria were notified during the year.

SECTION XI

Measures taken against ships infected with
or suspected for plague

No action was necessary under this section.

SECTION XII

Measures against rodents in ships from foreign ports

1. Procedures for inspection of ships for rats.

Enquiries are made from masters of vessels using the port, by the Public Health Inspector, regarding the presence of rats.

2. Arrangements for the bacteriological or pathological examination of rodents, with special reference to rodent plague, including the number of rodents sent for examination during the year

Facilities are available for the bacteriological examination of rodents at the Public Health Laboratory at Exeter. No rodents were sent for examination during the year.

3. Arrangements in the district for deratting ships, the methods used, and, if done by a commercial contractor, the name of the contractor.

A ship requiring deratting can now be dealt with at Teignmouth.

4. Progress in the rat-proofing of ships

No action was taken in this matter at Teignmouth during 1960.

TABLE E - Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from

foreign ports - No rats were destroyed at Teignmouth, during 1960, in ships from foreign ports.

SECTION XII - Measures against Rodents in ships from foreign ports. (continued)

TABLE F - Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates issued during the year for ships from foreign ports

No Deratting Certificates were issued during 1960. Two Deratting Exemption Certificates were issued during 1960.

SECTION XIII

Inspection of ships for nuisances

TABLE G - Inspections and Notices

Thirty inspections were carried out during 1960 of ships from foreign ports. No notices were served.

SECTION XIV

Public Health (Shell-fish) Regulations 1934 and 1948

Since the last report on Shell-fish in 1955, fifty samples of mussels, grown in the Estuary and cleansed in the local Cleansing Tanks, have been examined at the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Fisheries Experiment Station at Conway. Forty-six of the samples proved to be in Sanitary Grade I, whilst the remaining four were in Grade II. The samples have been taken each Season and show a consistently high standard of purification.

Approximately 1,000 1 cwt. bags of purified mussels are despatched from the Cleansing Station each year and nearly all of these are sold in London and Bristol.

SECTION XV

Medical Inspection of Aliens

Not applicable to this Authority.
